

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 8.

Please add new claims 9 - 14.

9. (New Claim) A method for reducing restenosis by at least 50% in a patient having suffered a vascular injury, which comprises the step of administering an effective dose of 17- $\beta$  estradiol or a derivative thereof to said patient.

10. (New Claim) The method of claim 9, wherein said dose is administered in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (New Claim) The method of claim 9, wherein said dose is administered with the aid of a device for treating vascular injury.

12. (New Claim) The method of claim 10, wherein said dose is administered with the aid of a device for treating vascular injury.

13. (New Claim) The method of claim 9, wherein the dose is administered only once.

14. (New Claim) The method of claim 9, wherein said dose is capable of improving reendothelization and vascular endothelium function.

No fees are necessary to enter this Preliminary Amendment. If any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

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